



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: March 18, 2014

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Implementation of City-Wide Residential Organics Collection Program**

Recommendation:

Receive and file staff report

Previous Directives:

- November 2, 2012 – Staff directed to study City collection of Source-Separated Organics, taking into consideration the Citizens Environmental Advocacy Committee (CEAC) Memo dated August 6, 2012 regarding the scope of the study and questions to be considered, and report the findings to the Transportation & Public Works Committee by April of 2013.

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Approved by: _____

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Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ____ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ____ Date _____

Financial Impact

Community Impact

Supporting Information

Background

The City of Minneapolis Sustainability Plan includes a goal to "Increase recovery of residential source-separated organics (SSO) from 0.3% of municipal solid waste (excluding yard waste) in 2010 to 7% annually by 2015." Additionally, the Transportation & Public Works Committed directed staff to study city-wide organics collection. That report was presented in October 2013. Since that time, additional organics processing options have become available in the metro area and Hennepin County has secured two processing contracts that are available for city use.

Hennepin County also passed a resolution (14-0058R1) on February 4, 2014 that requires Minneapolis to provide organic waste collection services to all residents living in 1-to-8-unit buildings no later than January 1, 2015, or face losing SCORE funding (of which the city currently receives \$864,000/year).

Staff will present a recommendation regarding the most feasible method of city-wide organics collection should the city decide to move forward at this time, as well as a summary of the steps that would be necessary for implementation, including:

- Appropriation of funds and purchase of new trucks and carts
- Securement of storage and operating facilities, temporary and long term
- Staff hiring
- Negotiation of organics collection cost with Minneapolis Refuse Inc. (MRI)
- Development of a program implementation plan
- Organics processing agreement